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For: CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID:  
OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE  
REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREFOR :

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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks in response to the Office Action begin on page 5 of this paper.